General Departmental Management

(dollars in millions)

	1996	1997	1998	Request
	Actual	Enacted	Request	+/-Enacted
Budget Authority	\$168	\$199	\$174	-\$25
Program Level	188	219	194	-25
Outlays	140	212	182	-30
FTE	1,220	1,217	1,217	0

Summary

The FY 1998 budget request provides a program level of \$194 million for General Departmental Management (GDM), including an appropriation of \$174 million and intra-agency transfers of \$20 million in one-percent evaluation funds. GDM supports those activities associated with the Secretary's roles as chief policy officer and general manager of the Department through nine Staff Divisions (STAFFDIVs): the Immediate Office of the Secretary, the Offices of Public Affairs, Legislation, Planning and Evaluation, Management and Budget, Intergovernmental Affairs, General Counsel, and Public Health and Science, and the Departmental Appeals Board. In FY 1998, Policy Research -formerly a separate appropriation account -- is included in the GDM request.

Office of Public Health and Science

In addition to serving as senior advisor on public health and science issues to the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Health also exercises management responsibilities for the following OPHS operational programs:

- Office of Population Affairs -- The request of \$14 million provides support for the Adolescent Family Life (AFL) Demonstration and Research program authorized under Title XX of the Public Health Service Act. Through these grants, AFL provides funding for three areas: care demonstration projects, prevention projects, and research projects. In addition, OPA administers the Family Planning program under Title X of the Public Health Service Act (this program is funded though the Health Resources and Services Administration).
- Office of Minority Health -- The request includes \$23 million to improve disease prevention, health promotion, and health service delivery for disadvantaged and

minority individuals and supports research on minority health topics, the goal of which is to improve the health status of racial and ethnic minority populations in the United States which continues to lag behind the health status of the American population as a whole. This request is a \$11.5-million reduction from FY 1997, when the Congress included one-time funding for extramural construction projects.

- Office on Women's Health -- The request of \$13 million provides funding for women's health programs by coordinating and stimulating research, service delivery, and education programs across the agencies and offices of HHS, with other government organizations, and consumer and health professional groups to advance women's health.
- Office of Emergency Preparedness -- The budget request of \$10 million would be used to manage and coordinate the health and medical and health-related social services that are provided by the Federal Government to victims of catastrophic disasters through the Federal Response Plan Emergency Support Function (ESF) #8. Under ESF #8, HHS coordinates the support of the 12 Federal agencies in the preparedness for, response to, and recovery from natural and man-made disasters.

Specifically in FY 1998, this request will permit OEP to carry out tasks from the National Security Council to assess and remedy any shortfalls in the health and medical consequence response capabilities necessary in the event of a terrorist use of a weapon of mass destruction, be it chemical, biological or nuclear.

• Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion -- The request of \$4 million supports the coordination of crosscutting health promotion and disease prevention activities, including Healthy People 2000, the program for health goals for the nation, public health issues related to managed care, consumer health information, and efforts to strengthen the public health infrastructure among the Department's Operating Divisions, with other Federal Departments, and with the private and voluntary sectors.

Policy Research

The FY 1998 budget request includes \$9 million for Policy Research (PR) to support research on policy issues of national significance. This is a \$9.5-million reduction from FY 1997, when the Congress included one-time funding for a GAO study of the effects of medical savings accounts. Priority issues that will be examined are those related to welfare reform, health care, insurance reform, family support and independence, poverty, at-risk children and youth, aging and disability, science policy, and improved access to health care and support services.

GDM OVERVIEW

(dollars in millions)

	1996 <u>Actual</u>	1997 Enacted	1998 Request	Request +/-Enacted
GDM Staff Divisions	\$105	\$101	\$102	+\$1
OPHS Program Offices:				
Minority Health	\$28	35	23	-12
Adolescent Family Life	8	14	14	
Women's Health	7	12	13	+1
Emergency Preparedness/Anti- Terrorism	8	14	10	-4
Council on Physical Fitness & Sports .	1	1	1	
Subtotal, OPHS program Offices	52	76	61	-15
Policy Research	9	19	9	-10
U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs	2	2	2	
TOTAL, GDM	\$168	\$198	\$174	-\$24